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The forces of the People's Liberation Army and the People's Militia are continuing their successful attacks on the enemy centres at Sarfeet, Ashirakh, Aqabat Asheikh, Abu Khuseifa and Mutafrani and inflicted upon the enemy forces during ten attacks launched on those centres losses between killed and wounded. Helicopters were seen hastening to some centres in which the operations took place to remove the killed and wounded of the enemy.

WESTERN REGION:

Operations here took place through sniping as the sniping groups operating in the Western Unit managed to snipe one enemy member stationed in Sarfeet. The forces of the People's Liberation Army and Militia also launched three successful attacks on the same centre managing during this attack to destroy five enemy positions with their crew. The enemy also lost two members in one of the attacks. Casualties in one of the attacks carried out by our forces were not assessed.

From our side there were no casualties.

AL-MAMMAR:

At al-Mammar our forces launched on 6th July at 11 in the morning an attack on the enemy centres at Abu Khuseifa and Mutafrani for half an hour. At about 11.30 our forces repeated their second attack on the same centres from all directions for 45 minutes. Enemy losses in Abu Khuseifa included the death and injury of four members and the destruction of five defensive positions with their crew. His enemy at Mutafrani included the death and injury of three members and the destruction of four positions with their crew members.

Our losses were nothing.

CENTRAL REGION:

In the Central Region our revolutionaries carried out five offensive operations on the Ashirakh and Aqabat Asheikh centres. These included two operations which were named after Martyrs Ahmed Bershahagcet and Martyr Muhhad Saeed Abu Hanash. During these operations the enemy lost eleven members between killed and wounded and the destruction of a number of his defensive positions. Helicopters were seen landing after the battle to remove the casualties.

From our side there were no casualties.

Enemy losses during these operations were summed up as follows:-

- 1) Death and injury of 21 members
- 2) Destruction of four enemy defensive positions

There were other casualties which were not assessed yet.

Our losses were nothing during these battles.

BRITISH INTELLIGENCE IN BAHRAIN FABRICATES STAGE PLAY
TO HIDE ASSASSINATION CRIME OF COMRADE MOHAMMAD ABU NUFOOR

A statement was issued by the internal security authorities in Bahrain saying that Comrade martyr Mohammad Abu Nufoor was killed on 2nd July when a parcel exploded in his hands in house no. 2687 at al-Qasasib district in al-Muharraaq. It was also stated that police investigations led to the arrest of Abbas Nirooz Hasson after sustaining injuries during the explosion. The statement added that weapons, explosives, books and a typewriter and duplicating machine were discovered.

The British intelligence demonstrate endless inferiority and shamelessness exceeding every imagination in order to hide their atrocious crime - the assassination of Comrade martyr Mohammad Bu Nufoor. Those who saw the body of the comrademartyr when the intelligence brought his relatives to see it for knowing it swallow and this proves that the death occurred before the explosion by days. Moreover, our information proves that the Comrade left Bahrain more than a week before.

It became clear that the intelligence arrested him while on his way to escape and tortured him brutally in way that killed him. To hide this ugly crime they exploded the bomb on his body realising by that several mean objectives:-

- 1) to push away the responsibility for his martyrdom on the intelligence machinery
- 2) To justify the launching of an extensive arrest campaign within the ranks of the citizens which is cherished by the security authorities as they are urging the citizens to report on the nationalists on the grounds of the dangerous of the weapons and explosives possessed by them.

This trick will not overcome the masses of our people. Moreover, the masses of our people are higher in standard than the trumpets of the authority which call the struggle of our masses as terrorism and boast falsely of democracy while their detentions are filled up with the best members of our people and our people live under the yolk of black terrorism.

The martyrdom of Comrade Mohammad Bonfour, who is well known for his national history and continuous struggle within the ranks of the working class and the masses of the people, is like a torch lighting for our people the way of the struggle amidst the darkness of black terrorism.

MESSAGE OF RESENTMENT ON EXECUTION OPERATIONS

The People's Front received a message from the Italian Communist Organisation on the savage crime committed by the colonialist reactionary authorities in Muscat by executing ten of the militant comrades. The following is the text of the message:- "Following the execution of the ten militants in Muscat, we wish to express to the Omani people and their revolutionary vanguard the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf our combative solidarity fully confident that your people under your leadership know how to avenge for the martyrs." All national and democratic forces and all freedom and peace-loving forces in the world are required to stand firmly by the side of the struggle of our people and to confront the crimes committed against them as well as to reveal the culprits.

ARAB STUDENTS IN FRANCE LODGE PROTEST MEMO TO ARAB LEAGUE
ON HARSH SENTENCES PASSED BY THE COLONIALIST AUTHORITIES IN MUSCAT

On 28th June, 1973, the Federations and Leagues of Arab Students in France lodged a protest memo to the Arab League on the inhuman trials which took place in Muscat and which resulted in the execution of ten members of the people's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf and sentences for various terms against tens of detained citizens. These range between six months and life imprisonment, in addition to the arrest campaigns witnessed by the arena of Oman and the Gulf and still existing upto now.

The memorandum reviewed the total imperialist plans executed in the arena of Oman and the Arabian Gulf which aim at safeguarding the allies and interests of world imperialism topped by American imperialism and British colonialism. The memorandum summarised these plans as follows:-

- 1) To establish an Arab-Iranian-imperialist reactionary front freezing any type of contradiction within its camp and having the main aim of confronting and repressing the massive movement. This can be done through the establishment of alliances between the regimes of feudalist sheikhs and Saudi reaction and Iranian reaction as well as Anglo-American imperialism.
- 2) transformation of those reactionary regimes into military shields by supplying them with developed weapons through huge military deals concluded by the reactionary authorities with the imperialist regimes. By this they would have the power to confront any massive movement which began to escalate in the area.
- 3) Protection of the waterways and sea communication routes through which oil is transported. For this Iran occupied the strategic Arab islands at the entrance of the Arabian Gulf and Israel occupied Arab islands at the entrance of the Red Sea. Iran converted all these islands into huge military bases after evacuating them from their Arab inhabitants.
- 4) Imperialism did not rely on its agents only and for this reason it reserved for itself the necessary exist to be used by it when necessity forbids and when those reactionaries fail to perform their roles in good form. For this reason American established for itself bases in "independent!" Bahrain and Abu Musa island which is occupied by Iran. Britain also kept its military bases at Masirah and Sallalah which are part of the "independent!" territories of the Sultanate of Oman. At present the Iranian forces, in accordance with the admission of the Shah and Zabors, share in the extermination campaigns and the barbaric attacks launched by the Iranian air force by the side of the British royal air force on the unarmed Oman Arab citizens.

The Arab Students Unions and Leagues in France summarised their demands as follows:-

- 1) We ask progressive member states of the Arab League to interfere to halt the criminal sentences passed against the citizens in Oman and to release them.
- 2) We also ask these countries to interfere for the release of the detainees in Bahrain who were not forwarded to any trial upto now.
- 3) We ask these countries to interfere to check down the membership of these political entities in the Gulf from the Arab League because they do not possess the membership conditions. By this we are attaching our voice to the voice of the People's Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Arabian Gulf which submitted a memorandum to the Arab League in this connection in 1971.

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UNION OF LEBANESE WRITERS ISSUES STATEMENT IN WHICH IT
DEPLORES REPRESSIVE MEASURES IN BAHRAIN

The Union of Lebanese Writers adopted a stand towards the arrests and torture in Bahrain in a statement issued by the Secretary of the Union Dr. Suhail Idriss. The statement said:- "Reports pour on the arrests and methods of torture exercised by the authorities of Bahrain against many nationalist elements including a number of intellectuals and poets, and chase or arrest them with an open trial. We were notified by reliable sources that intellectuals Ali-bdullah Khalifa and Yacoub al-Mahragi (both members of the Bahrain delegation to the Arab Intellectuals Conference in Tunis) and Amin Saleh and others are under interrogations and continuous chases without knowing the reasons for that and that the families of the intellectuals and writers in Bahrain are under constant chase and were not permitted to publish an intellectual magazine which they ask to publish.

But there are other poets and intellectuals who are under torture. These include poet Gassen Haddan who sustained a fracture in the leg in prison during torture. No one knows any reasons for his arrest or torture. They cuffed his hands during arrest and toured the streets in order to terrorise the others and try to demolish his morale.

Moreover, we were told by stage play writer Fares Bawakin that he was mal-treated at Bahrain airport when he passed intransit just merely because they knew that he is a writer and so insulted him and scattered his papers. This proves that they intend to abuse any pen holder even if got from the inhabitants of Bahrain.

The union of Lebanese writers repeats its protest and resentment over such terroristic methods and asks the Bahrain authorities to give up such acts. It also asks and urges all Arab thinkers and intellectuals to raise their voice of protest. The union will not hesitate to escalate its protest campaign within the local and Arab and international cultural circles. The Union assigns to the Bahraini Charge d'Affaires in the Kuwaiti Embassy in Lebanon to convey this protest to the officials who allow such repressive acts to take place while they boast and exaggerate of working to establish democracy.

SAUDI MOVES OF MILITARY CONSPIRATORIAL FORM

On the 4th of July Abdullh bin Abdel Aziz, commander of the so-called Saudi National Guard, paid a visit to London for holding talks with the British Defence leaders. There he met Lord Palmel, Minister of State in the Foreign and Commonwealth Ministry, Lord Carrington and some military leaders in the Defence Ministry. It is to be noticed that this visit is having the military form and comes following the arms deal concluded by Saudi Arabia recently and amounting to about 250 million sterling. It also comes at a time in which a top-level delegation from the Defence Ministry is paying a visit to the Arabian Gulf Emirates and countries.

This visit is not separated from the framework of the ugly conspiracies which are being weaved against the will of our people in the Peninsula and Gulf. It also affirms the importance of the criminal role given by the forces of American imperialism to the reaction of the so-called Saudi State.

ARAB JOURNALISTS CONDEMN EXECUTIONS IN MUSCAT AND SANA

The Union of Arab Journalists condemned the terroristic and physical torture operations exercised by the reactionary autocracies in Muscat and Sana. This came following the meeting held by the standing bureau of the Arab Journalists Union in Cairo during the period 24 to 26 July. The following came in the numerous resolutions adopted by the

the Union:-

"The office expressed anxiety over the physical torture measures to solve what it called the political differences and resented the executions in Northern Yemen and Oman. It also appealed to the union and popular corporations to interfere, resent them and deter them.

"The office of the Union of Arab Journalists also expressed support for the necessity of the continuation of the Yemeni unity talks and asked in this connection suspension of Saudi interference to ignite war and scatter the gains of the Yemeni people."

As regards the press situation in the Gulf, the main office of the Association of Kuwaiti Journalists and the Secretary of the Union were entrusted to find out facts about the press situation in the Gulf and to express opinion on the possibility of establishing union organisations in this area.

QABOOS PLEDGES THE PARDON OF OUR MASSES

With the continuation of the destruction and annihilation operations launched by the British and Iranian forces and the Qaboos mercenary forces on the liberated areas of the Southern Region (Dhofar) and after the chain of repressive and terroristic operations against our steadfast masses all over the so-called Sultanate of Oman and the Federation of Sheikhs and Bahrain and following the passage of the hard and criminal sentences against the 73 male and female detainees in the prisons of Muscat which included the execution of ten militants of the People's Front and life imprisonment and other sentences for terms ranging between six months and twelve years against 63 female and male citizens. After all this and within the adverse reactions caused by these sentences at Arab and world levels and the people's wrath against such savage crime, Qaboos issued an order calling for the release of one of the detained female citizens after delivering her baby in prison, taking mercy of her and her baby. This citizen was arrested along with nine other women during the extensive arrest campaign which covered the Sultanate and the whole of the arena of Oman and the Arabian Gulf in the beginning of this year.

This female citizen is the second to deliver a baby in the prison, as one of the nine detainees had already delivered her baby in prison during the month of May. She was martyred only days after not as a result of the inavailability of medical care only but also as a result of the savage and hard torture faced by her.

Where was the mercy of Qaboos!! and where was his humanity!! and after all these crimes does Qaboos want our masses to pardon him for his criminal acts. What is the value of this pardon in the face of the previous crimes and decision passed by the Qaboos and his masters?!

SAUDI DEFENCE MINISTER CALLS FOR GRANTING IRAN MORE ABDICATIONS

Sultan bin Abdel Aziz, Minister of Defence and Commander-in-Chief of the Saudi royal forces, made a statement in reply to a question put up by "Al-Sayad" magazine on the Iranian policy in the Arabian Gulf. He said: "What motivated the Iranians towards occupying the islands of Abou Moussa and Minor and Major Tonb, is the escalation of Arab propaganda which lacked upto now the method of talking. He added that the Arab escalation threatens the interests of Iran and so led to the occupation of the Arab islands by force.

The Saudi Defence Minister added: "It is in the interest of the Arabs to conclude ties of friendship with Iran which a big State and strongly armed and cannot be ignored. Its hostility will be keep us busy from the Zionist enemy." The Saudi Minister pointed to a proposal made by Saudi Arabia calling for hire of the Arab islands to Iran.

It is clear that such statement carries a new call by Arab reaction for granting more abdications to Iranian expansion in order that Iranian reaction becomes able to perform the role drawn for it by its imperialist masters. The call for freezing contradictions with Iran in order that they become free to confront the Zionist enemy is an old call adopted by Arab reactions in order to give justifications for hitting the nationalist movement in the Arabian Peninsula and Gulf.

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GULF MILITARY DELEGATIONS FOR SAUDI ARABIA

Mubarak Abdulah al-Jaber, Al-Sabbah, Chief of Staff of the Kuwaiti Army, Fahd bin Taimour, Deputy Defence Minister of Oman, Khalifa bin Hamad al-Thani, Commander-in-Chief of the Qatar Defence Force, and Hamad bin Issa al-Khalifa, Defence Minister and Commander-in-Chief of the Bahrain Defence force arrived in Dhahran on Wednesday 11th July. Sultan bin Abdel Aziz, Defence Minister and Aviation Minister of Saudi Arabia, also arrived in Teheran. The justification given for the meeting of all these in Teheran is the graduation of the third batch from the Saudi Technical Institute.

DELEGATION FROM P.F.L.O.A.G. SHARES IN IRAQI CELEBRATIONS

Comrade Mohammad bin Abdullah, member of the Central Executive Committee, left Aden on Thursday 12th July, 1973, for Baghdad to represent P.F.L.O.A.G. at the celebrations of Iraq marking the 15th anniversary and the fifth anniversary of the revolutions of 14th July and 17th July, at an official invitation received by P.F.L.O.A.G. from the Iraqi government.

TERRORISM AND REPRESSION THE POLICY OF REACTIONARY REGIME IN NORTHERN YEMEN

The reactionary authorities in Northern Yemen continue to commit criminal acts against the Yemeni people and their vanguards from the national and democratic forces. These acts are resembled in the launching of barbaric military campaigns in the rural areas and peasant gatherings and in collective executions. The reactionary authorities in Northern Yemen are trying to pull the progressive regime in Democratic Yemen as a side in the clash ensuing between it and the masses. In this respect the authority asks the militant in the first interrogation operation to admit the following:

- 1) That this militant received weapons from the South
- 2) That he was trained in the south
- 3) That he receive money from the south
- 4) That he infiltrated from the south

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With the escalation of the revolution and the heightening of the rally of the masses around it, the puppet regime in Muscat is compelled to reveal more of its traitorous papers and to resort to more retaliatory and repressive measures against our masses. From the extermination policy followed for confronting the revolution in the liberated areas, the heavy arrest campaigns which covered extensive sections of our people and the harsh sentences passed against 72 Omani citizens including the ten death sentences executed before their passage and all those against whom charges were directed and were arrested or sentenced without being forwarded to any form of trial and are not given any chance to defend themselves.

It is wrong to understand the harsh sentences passed against these citizens apart from the chain of events which were by-passed by the Sultanate since the arrival of Qaboos to power and his ability to play the role entrusted to him by the British intelligence.

Qaboos came as a "rescuer" for the Omani people from the injustice of his father and for this he asked the Omani people to rally around him and to help him achieve what he came for!! Qaboos did not feel shameful to ask the revolution to meet with him for building the future Oman claiming that the revolution lost through his arrival to power any justification for its presence and continuation.

But the inability of this puppet to absorb the wrath of the masses, and the discovery by his masters of his failure to liquidate the revolution compelled him to knock other reactionary doors. Iran and Amman were the nearest reactionary houses to him and the quickest to respond to his help. Jordan devoted its police experience and sent nearly 400 soldiers and officers to help the clientelle of Qaboos follow the nationalist elements and arrest them and exercise ugliest methods of torture against them. The role of the forces of the Shah was defied from the beginning. They went towards Sallalah and started to bomb the Omani citizen in the Dhofar rural areas. The Iranian military forces, beside the British officers, lead the military operations in Dhofar and plan them.

The Qaboos treason against his people was not restricted to the opening of the doors of Oman for the Iranian invaders and his shameless to boost of the help received by him for the bombing and subversive acts carried by them against the patriotic Omani people. His shamelessness even exceeded that limit as he in return handed over some Omani islands to the puppet Shah-in-Shah regime. He delivered these islands to Iran in order that the Shah expels the Arab inhabitants from them and to establish military bases which are to be used by his forces as launching points for exercising their criminal acts against our people.

When Qaboos found that the Iranian forces did not realise his dream, he discovered that the echoes of the revolution began to be heard in the valleys of Jebel al-Khdhar and that the Omani masses today began to become more confident in their revolution and to rally around it. So he made another desperate attempt to encircle the revolution. This was the arrest campaign and the harsh sentences.

So these sentences are another proof of the failure of this regime to realise the objectives of his masters who brought him to power. They are also another new proof of his fears that these masters might abandon him. Of course this does not mean the evacuation of the British and Iranian forces from Oman but it means that another puppet might be brought, to be like a new card with which imperialism will trying to play at this stage.

The resort by Qaboos to repression in this open manner without the slightest attempt to hide it or even justify it logically is more than one proof of abandonment by him of his alleged "democracy", "justice" and "love of people".

There is one basic point which did not come in the mind of this dummy puppet. This is that the lies, imposture and other cheatings failed to keep him as representative of the Omani people, then the repression and other criminal methods will not work more than to cause more masses turn against him as such methods will not and never frighten or scare the people and will not and never stop the wheel of history from moving. It would be a motive for this people to defend itself and the people is capable of finding a more suitable method at these conditions.

The masses of our people, while possessing such firm and stubborn combative attitude, only rely, beside its main reliance on itself, on the support and growing and greatening consolidation received from all Arab progressive and nationalist regimes and forces and from all progressive, democratic and freedom and peace-loving forces in the world.

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4) We ask the Committee for Liquidation of Colonialism in the Arab League to perform its duties towards finding the facts about the political conditions of those weak entities.

5) We appeal to the popular masses and the revolutionary forces, liberation movements and democratic and union organisations in the world to move towards the service of this issue.

6) We also appeal to the organisations of Arab students to sit-in in the embassies of those entities and to lodge protest memos to them.

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